

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee  
Monthly meeting minutes, April 3, 2016  
Old Schoolhouse Common, library upstairs

Committee members In attendance:  
Nick Seifert, Becky Wigg, Anne Miller, Dan Chodokoff, Wes Cate,

Other Attendees:

SunCommon: Joel Rhodes ([joel@suncommon.com](mailto:joel@suncommon.com))

Environmental Action Network: Katie Emmerson ([kemmerson@vnrc.org](mailto:kemmerson@vnrc.org)) (Americorps member working at VECAN), Rob Fish ([rfish@eanvt.org](mailto:rfish@eanvt.org))

Agenda

Select a facilitator

Public comment

Announcements

Agenda modification

Approval of previous minutes

Business

- SunCommon presentation

- Town meeting feedback

- Update on Act 174 work

- Plainfield updates

Agreement on minutes

Draft agenda for next meeting

Set next meeting

Agenda

- Times set for major items

Select a facilitator

- Becky volunteered.

Public comment

- None.

Announcements

- Meeting at Jaquith library on 4/4 - Defend our Environment 7:00-8:30pm

Agenda modification

- Environmental Action Network item added

Approval of previous minutes

- Approved

Business

- SunCommon presentation
  - General information provided about how SunCommon works.
  - New option with VSECU which helps people to own their PV system, still with no upfront cost, and similar monthly payment to current power bill. 20 year loan.
  - Hunger MTN coop has an example of their new "solar canopy" option.
  - Brief mention of the energy density of their panels, which is higher than other providers. Utilizing SunPreme solar panels.
  - New net metering rules require customers to pay fees out of pocket, but energy use can be offset by PV generation.
  - SunCommon has partnered with GMP to offer systems to people who are getting Tesla PowerWall systems installed.

- Town meeting feedback
  - General feedback
    - Wes spent most of his time in the hallway, due to rules around taking/asking people to take surveys at town meeting. Exact rules around this were a little unclear and open to interpretation. Survey was allowed, but had to follow Bobbi's interpretation / guidance on this.
- Survey feedback
  - LED light bulb was offered for anyone who filled out a survey
  - Survey was for actions taken, and actions that could be taken to improve energy, heat and transportation efficiency.
  - Total number of surveys completed was 21.
- Environmental Action Network
  - Presented the Community Energy Dashboard website, and the presentation of the survey results.
    - Trying to develop this as a tool for energy committees. Make this a hub for resources and ideas.
      - <http://www.vtenergydashboard.org/my-community/marshfield/progress>
    - Rob will provide a login for Marshfield to change goals, and other data for our community.
    - Shows progress towards an energy goal in 2050, including suggested contributions from renewables, efficiency, and non-renewable.
    - Shows statistics about renewable energy sites, including an atlas with the location of the trackers.
    - Shows actions taken by people, and actions committed to do.
    - Also has a section on stories from people in that community.
    - Lots of resources on the site, including a solar atlas which has solar radiation, and other useful info.
  - Looking for stories for the community of Marshfield. Some possible examples:
    - OSC solar array
    - Any net-zero houses
    - New, efficient construction
  - Wes still has around 50 LED light bulbs. We can use these to incentivize further surveys being filled out, or something similar promoting usage of their site.
- Update on Act 174 work
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- Plainfield updates
  - No one from Plainfield present

#### Agreement on minutes

#### Draft agenda for May meeting

- Select a facilitator
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Agenda modification
- Approval of previous minutes
- Business
  - Discuss Community Energy Dashboard
    - What to do with remaining LED bulbs from town meeting
  - Discuss Act 174 work
  - Plainfield updates
- Draft agenda for next meeting
- Set next meeting

#### Set next meeting

- Next meeting will be May 1st.